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Organizational and other matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Sustainable Development held its nineteenth session on 14 May 2010 and from 2 to 13 May 2011. The Commission held ___ meetings, as well as a number of parallel sessions, informal meetings and associated activities.

2. At the 2nd meeting, on 2 May 2011, the Chair, Mr. László Borbély (Romania), opened the session and made a statement.

3. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs addressed the Commission.

B. Election of officers

4. At its 1st meeting, on 14 May 2010, the Commission elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chair:
László **Borbély** (Romania)

Vice-Chairs:
Javier Arias Iriarte (Panama)
Andrew **Goledzinowski** (Australia)

5. At its 2nd meeting, on 2 May 2011, the Commission elected by acclamation Mr. Abdelghani Merabet (Algeria) and Mr. Eduardo Meñez (Philippines) as Vice-Chairs of the Commission at its nineteenth session.

6. At the same meeting, the Commission elected by acclamation Mr. Silvano Vergara Vásquez (Panama) to continue the unexpired term of Mr. Arias Iriarte

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(Panama) as Vice-Chair of the Commission at its nineteenth session. The Commission was informed that Mr. Vergara Vásquez would also assume the responsibilities of Rapporteur.

7. At its 4th meeting, on 6 May 2011, the Commission elected by acclamation Ms. Ivy Banzon-Abalos (Philippines) to continue the unexpired term of Mr. Meñez (Philippines) as Vice-Chair of the Commission at its nineteenth session.

C. Agenda and organization of work

8. At its 2nd meeting, on 2 May 2011, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda for its nineteenth session, as contained in document E/CN.17/2011/1, and approved its organization of work, as outlined in an informal paper, circulated in English only. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2010-2011 — policy session:
   (a) Transport;
   (b) Chemicals;
   (c) Waste management;
   (d) Mining;
   (e) A 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns.
4. Other matters.
5. Provisional agenda for the twentieth session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its nineteenth session.

9. At the same meeting, the Chair introduced the draft negotiating document and announced the establishment of two working groups.

10. Working Group 1 was assigned the sections of the draft negotiating document that pertained to the thematic issues of transport, chemicals and mining, as well as interlinkages, cross-cutting issues and means of implementation. The Vice-Chair (Panama) was assigned to facilitate the negotiations on chemicals and the Vice-Chair (Philippines) was assigned to facilitate the negotiations on transport and mining.

11. Working Group 2 was assigned the sections of the draft negotiating document that pertained to the thematic issues of waste management and sustainable consumption and production patterns, as well as the preambular paragraphs of the document. The Vice-Chair (Algeria) was assigned to facilitate the negotiations on waste management and the Vice-Chair (Australia) was assigned to facilitate the negotiations on sustainable consumption and production patterns.

D. Attendance

12. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for the European Community, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants will be issued in document E/CN.17/2011/INF/1.